assets in the Cochin State at least equal to its liabilities in this State and secondly every effort should be made to start a Bank of Cochin.

Demand put and carried

13. Rs. 1,075—Under "28—A—Civil Engineering B. R."

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,075 under "28—A—Civil Engineering—B. R.". Early this year in Chingam the Inspector-General of Prisons brought to the Government's notice that certain cells in the Central Jail required urgent repairs. The expanded metal covering of the ventilators of the cells in the Central Jail had gone out of order and required renewal and the iron doors were not touching the door frame at the top. As such, it gave facility for people who had an inclination to commit suicide. The gaps in the door frames had to be closed. Since this expenditure was not provided for in the Budget of 1116 it necessitated calling for additional allotment. I request the House will be pleased to grant this amount.

Demand put and carried

14. Rs. 150—Under "16—A—Law and Justice—Establishment—Temporary"

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 150 under "16—A—Law and Justice—Establishment—Temporary". One additional clerk has been sanctioned as a temporary measure for one year for the Anjikaimal Government Pleader's Office to clear off old arrears and six months' expenditure has to be provided for in this year's budget. It was not anticipated at the time of the framing of the original budget because it was during the inspection conducted afterwards that the necessity for an additional clerk was disclosed. I request that the House be pleased to grant the amount.

Demand put and carried

15. Rs. 150—Under "16—A—Law and Justice—Copying Charges"

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* Sir, I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 150 under "16—A—Law and Justice—Copying Charges". This amount is meant for meeting the cost of executing several pauper decrees which have now become ready for execution. The amount provided in this year's budget is insufficient for the purpose. Although the amount is

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meant for the execution of decrees these expenses are met out of the head "Copying Charges". I request that the amount may be sanctioned.

Demand put and carried

16. Rs. 6,382—8—0—Under "7—Excise—Refunds"

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):* Sir, I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 6,382—8—0 under "7—Excise—Refunds". Of this amount Rs. 5,062—8—0 is for the refund of duty collected upon salt jettisoned by the Bombay Contractor during transport from Bombay and Rs. 1,320 is for refund of the rebate allowed to the Tata Oil Mills upon salt used for the manufacture of soaps. Government have sanctioned a rebate of duty at 8 annas per maund from the beginning of 1116 onwards. The company after the execution of the bond and agreement was able to take salt at the concession rate only with effect from 20th Vrischigam 1116. A total quantity of 2,640 maunds of salt had been used by the company till that date. They are therefore entitled to a refund of duty on this quantity to the extent of the rebate allowed. I request that the House may be pleased to grant this amount.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Just on a point of information, Sir, what were the circumstances under which the jettisoning was made?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):* Owing to rough weather salt had to be jettisoned.

Demand put and carried

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

1. The Cochin Code of Civil Procedure (Amendment) Bill

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* Sir, I beg to move that the Cochin Code of Civil Procedure (Amendment) Bill be read in Council. This is an absolutely non-controversial measure. With the separation of Burma and Aden from British India it is not possible now in the light of section 39 of the Civil Procedure Code to have reprocity in the matter of execution of decrees with those countries and Cochin. Proposals have been received from those countries through the Political Department for establishing such reciprocity and therefore, it has become necessary to achieve this

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